

REMARKS

Claims 19-24, 26, and 29-31 are pending. Claims 1-3, 10-13, 16-18, 32-33 and 35-37 have been cancelled. Claim is the sole remaining independent claims. No new matter has been added.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner is thanked for his indication that claims 19-24, 26 and 29-31 are allowable.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 USC § 112:

Claim 16 is rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite. Applicants traverse this rejection in view of the following comments.

This rejection is rendered moot by the cancellation of claim 16..

CLAIM REJECTIONS 35 USC § 103:

Hardee in view of Amanai and Wang

Claims 1-3, 10-13, 16-18, 32-33 and 35-37 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over US 6,580,306 (Hardee) in view of US 6,128,230 (Amanai) and further in view of Wang et al. (Wang).

This rejection is rendered moot by the cancellation of claims 1-3, 10-13, 16-18, 32-33 and 35-37.

Hardee in view of Amanai and further in view of Wang

Claims 1-3, 6, 10-13, and 16-18 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over US 6,580,306 (Hardee) in view of US 6,128,230 (Amanai) and further in view of Wang et al. (Wang).

This rejection is rendered moot by the cancellation of claims 1-3, 10-13, 16-18, 32-33 and 35-37.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, Applicant earnestly solicits reconsideration and allowance of all of the pending claims.

Should there be any matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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